



RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO REQUEST AN AUDIT OF HARBOR INSPECTION PROCEDURES.

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii ("State") harbors system consists of 10 commercial harbors located at Honolulu, Kalaeloa Barbers Point, Hilo, Kawaihae, Kahului, Hana, Kaunakakai, Kaunapau, Nawiliwili, and Port Allen, all of which are under the authority of the State Department of Transportation, Harbors Division; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 99 percent of the commercial goods imported to Hawaii come through the State's commercial harbors, amounting to more than 200,000 shipping containers annually; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these shipping containers are not inspected and it is believed that the majority of illegal goods and materials in Hawaii, such as illicit fireworks, drugs, and firearms, arrive via shipping containers; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to address the problem, the Hawaii State Legislature introduced several measures relating to harbor security in 2019, including House Concurrent Resolution ("HCR") 185, *Requesting an Audit of Harbor Inspection Procedures*; and

WHEREAS, HCR 185 was referred to the State House Committee on Water, Land and Hawaiian Affairs Committee and the State House Committee on Judiciary, but did not receive a hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council ("Council") agrees that the relatively infrequent inspection of shipping containers and the continued importation of illegal goods and materials is a serious problem; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that an audit will help to outline the current inspection procedures for both out-of-state and interisland arrivals, identify any shortcomings with the current procedures, and determine necessary procedural changes that will help to reduce the volume of illegal goods being imported into the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the Legislature to request an audit of harbors inspection procedures as was proposed by House Concurrent Resolution 185 (2019); and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawaii, the President of the State Senate, the Speaker of the State House of Representatives, the Chair of the State Senate Committee on Judiciary, the Chair of the State Senate Committee on Transportation, the Chair of the State House Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs, the Chair of the State House Committee on Judiciary, the Chair of the State House Committee on Transportation, the State Auditor, and the Deputy Director of the State Department of Transportation for Harbors.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers